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We shall not be moved—we shall overcome

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An editorial Vigilance now

The vigil has ended. The vigil was meant to be simultaneously a method for gaining the four demands and a memorial to Dr. King. More essentially, it was a call for a change in spirit, a call for the University as an institution to take a position of leadership in the community, a call for re-commitment by whites to the principle of non-violence, and to working together to help the blacks.

This, we feel, was to a large extent accomplished for we have seen things happen here that seemed inconceivable less than a week ago. We have seen 200 people decide that it was now or never for America and back that decision up by staying two nights in Dr. Knight's house. We have seen over 1400 people join the vigil lines and sleep on the quad through cold and damp nights. We have seen many of the most conservative people on campus manning picket lines and boycotting classes. And we have seen the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Wright Tisdale, link hands with the students in the vigil and, swaying side to side, sing "We Shall Overcome."

As Dr. Strange noted, few people enter into this type of thing expected 100% success. Great changes in conditions as the vigil proceeded changed the prospects for success and modified the aims themselves to some extent. The two personal demands upon Dr. Knight had become essentially meaningless.

The wage increase demand was met to the general satisfaction of the leaders, it being felt that the school was making substantive sacrifices to make the wage increase as early as practicable.

The final demand was that Dr. Knight set up a committee to study collective bargaining for university non-academic employees. Dr. Knight indicated in his Chapel speech that he was going to set up such a committee, and last night in an informal chapel discussion Tisdale said that the Board wanted what Dr. Knight wanted.

The school will never be the same, and it is up to the people who participated in, or supported the vigil, that the change is as much for the good as possible. The mass commitment to the cause of racial justice must now give way to individual commitment and hard work for the same cause. Hopefully this will be in the spirit of Dr. King. Students should demand that the University continue to take a position of moral leadership in the community, and that it back up words with deeds. Finally, both for the reason above and for the general well-being and improvement of the school, greater communication with the Board, and faculty must be established and maintained.

The vigil began in the rain and ended in the rain. This morning the sun rose. It's a new day. Let us use it.

Four day silent vigil ends; tacit accord reached by protesters

By RICHARD SMURTHWAITE

The vigil has ended. After 4 days on the quad, a collection of demonstrators that had grown from 200 to 1,400 crowded into Page Auditorium to approve a list of proposals including the culmination of the vigil of silence.

The Vigil agreed this morning to hold a rally tonight at 9 p.m. on the main quad.

Meeting in Page before they ended their six-day demonstration the students also agreed to appoint a strategy committee. The committee will recommend action to the group tonight.

A march to East Campus formally terminated the Vigil.

In a series of proposals originated by Dr. John Strange and passed by the members of the demonstration soon after midnight Thursday, the vigil was to be abandoned. However, picket lines were to be stocked, as before the revolution, with demonstrators. An executive committee would be established to discuss problems of tactics and to decide the times at which a full meeting of the 1,400 demonstrators should be called.

THE ADOPTED PROVISIONS also include "carrying the argument of the vigil to the classroom," to convince people to support the goals of the vigil, and to "take advantage of the support we have received, in Durham and nationwide."

Much debate followed the suggestion that, due to President Knight's illness, the two proposals that Knight should sign a student petition and resign from the segregated Hope Valley Country Club, be temporarily dropped. Pete Brandon and Oliver Harvey of Local 77 defended the win union goal of obtaining the minimum wage of \$1.60 an hour and of receiving the right to collective bargaining. Members of the vigil will establish a car pool to shuttle students to Durham in support of the boycott of university dining facilities. Provisions will also be made to continue the meal service, on an irregular basis, that fed the demonstrators during the vigil.

MONEY WILL BE RAISED BY manning booths on the quad, by personally contacting faculty members, and by canvassing Durham, to raise money for the strike. Through this financial support, combined with manning the picket lines and providing services such as babysitting, the demonstrators hope to effectively continue their support for the union demands.

The last measure called for the election of 4 students to serve on a board with 4 members of the faculty and 4 workers to investigate the implementation of collective bargaining. The administration will be invited to send 4 delegates to serve on the committee.

The proposals of Dr. Strange were passed near the close of a meeting that lasted nearly six hours, interrupted only by a break for dinner. The second session was convened with a speech by Dr. John D. Sullivan, a Religion professor, who reminded the students, "We have realized our great end already. Your existence has been acknowledged. You have transformed this university. There is now no going back to the university that was on April 3. There must be no going back to that university."

Students that a "substantial victory," had been won. He cited the recognition received in the national press and the changes in the Board of Trustees means of decision-making. "We saw this change when, at 5:30 a vice-president of the Ford Motor Company held hands with us and sang, 'We shall overcome.' I'm sure I'll be proud, when he thinks back on this some day, because he was really communicating with students."

STRANGE WAS REFERRING to Wright Tisdale, chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, who spoke to the vigil in the afternoon.

The last action of the night was a vote on two proposals. The first, which reaffirmed the group's faith in its leaders, received nearly unanimous support. The second, which proposed that the demonstrators sleep in the chapel

practice such morality, stated the resolution. Duke should attempt to co-operate more closely with North Carolina College, to work with the community to "intensity" the search for the answers to great social problems, and to encourage those members of the faculty who were members of segregated facilities to "search their consciences" and withdraw. The report also endorsed a committee to study the feasibility of collective bargaining.

The report closed by urging students to "return to the classrooms, libraries, and laboratories, assured that the human and social considerations that generated the demonstrations last week" would receive "continued consideration."

The vocal disappointment of the Academic Council's resolution displayed by the crowd was punctuated by Jack Boger. "As the logic of events transcends physical classes of morally good beyond mere rational thinking, in the context

"We must never return to that university"

SULLIVAN URGED THE STUDENTS

not to lose "the spirit of unity and solidarity," but to continue towards "participation in the greater life of the participation in the greater life of the 'university community.' Both he and Dr. Strange warned the students not to give support to "those professors who view the vigil as a student insurrection."

Jack Boger, one of the primary student spokesmen, recommended a proposal differing from that of Strange. Boger's provisions would have established a "shadow" vigil of 200 people to continue camping on the main quad, Boger also called for setting a date on which the administration would be called before the united vigil to voice their decision on collective bargaining.

Strange defended his proposed abandoning of the vigil by saying that the faculty might become alienated if students ignore their education in the classrooms. A representative of WDES confirmed that, by being able to disband then, at the proper time, to assemble 1400 students more national attention will be focused on the Duke demonstration than if the vigil on the quad continued without incident.

Strange attempted to convince

and in the buildings surrounding the quadrangle, received divided support in spite of the urging of the leaders to support the provision.

They pointed out that keeping the group together would facilitate choosing men to walk the picket line and implementing Strange's other proposals.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION centered around the announcement of the Academic Council, a committee of professors, and their opinion of the vigil. The statement, passed Wednesday afternoon, affirmed that the university could not achieve its purposes of "teaching, learning, and researching" if "it disregards justice and morality in the larger community in which it operates and in the non-academic community within its own bounds."

In order to pursue such justice and

of events in this country and in the context of dealing with the administration of the university, I must say that this statement is unacceptable.

THE SPOKEMEN OF THE GROUP emphasized, through a barrage of intricate and often loud and emotional comments from the audience, that tactics had to be found that would best channel the support and sympathy the vigil arouse.

After the culmination of the meeting, a small group confronted Tisdale in the Chapel, where he had gone for prayer. He reiterated the determination that he will not recognize a union because "a union can get nothing for these workers that we will not give them." He pledged to meet workers as "individual employees and as members of the Duke community, but not as union representatives."

IFC and AIH decide to support the vigil's goals

By CLAY STEINMAN

Monday the Interfraternity Council and the Association of Independent Houses passed resolutions of moral and financial support of the Silent Vigil. Yesterday's Chronicle carried the AIH statement and commentary. The following is the statement of the Interfraternity Council operating a pool of all Greek men:

"The Interfraternity Council of Duke University, representing over 45% of the West Campus student body, supports the spirit of the Silent Vigil for Dr. Martin Luther King. Last night we promised that, 'The individual fraternities would consider immediately the specific demands of the student vigil in their fraternity meetings.'"

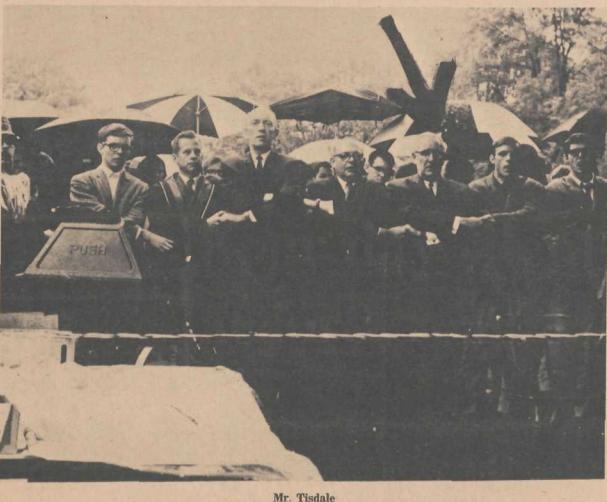
FURTHERMORE, the Council of Presidents advocates that Dr. Knight rescind his membership in Hope Valley Country Club to be consistent with his previous statement on segregated facilities.

"The Interfraternity Council, as a representative political body, through its president will exert its influence in every channel to press for the accomplishment of these goals. We also donate \$250 to the strike fund, and recommend that its donation be continued each year for a need in the Durham community."

After the announcements were made at the Vigil, Kerry Roche discussed the reasons for an amended proposal regarding Dr. Knight's resignation from the Hope Valley Country Club. He said that the fraternity men voted down the demand as generally presented because it was felt that the "terminology is too strong." He explained that the Greek Vigil don't have a moral right to demand that he, as an individual, resign.

HE ADDED that in light of the

University Segregated Facilities ban, President Knight must desegregate the country club or resign from it.



Mr. Tisdale

The power structure sways to the strains of "We Shall Overcome."

Dining hall strike goes into 3rd day

By CAROLYN ARNOLD

Strikes by the non-academic employees of Local 77 in two departments of Duke University have led to considerable discussion and many meetings concerning the labor-management situation on the Duke campus.

Dining Hall employees remained off their jobs for a third day while the Operations Department members of Local 77 completed a second day of striking. Estimates from Peter Brandon, business manager of Local 77 and Oliver Harvey, past president of the union, indicate that close to 300 workers are presently on strike.

The strikes were begun on the basis of a lack of positive and definitive University action on the two areas of collective bargaining and the minimum wage of \$1.60. There was considerable speculation that Wright Tisdale, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trustees might answer these demands in his statement on Wednesday afternoon, April 10.

However, immediately after Tisdale's speech to the students participating in a vigil on the main quadrangle, Brandon commented that because Local 77 felt that they were given no satisfactory and truly acceptable answers, they would continue to stay on the picket lines.

HE EXPLAINED, "I don't know what anybody else's plans are, but we're striking. We think the students very deeply for their present concern and we hope for their continued support."

Making plans for further strike action in conjunction with the student vigil, both Brandon and Harvey spoke at a

meeting of the student group last night. Harvey's opening comments centered around the issue of collective bargaining. He pointed out that the concept of collective bargaining can incorporate many of the other factors that Local 77 will be pursuing in the future.

Harvey gave estimates and figures on the pay rates and increases since 1951. He pointed out that most of the increases have come about as a result of the union.

He commented on the communication gap between the Duke administration and its employees, condemning the "Thank you, boss" expectation that he said continues to prevail.

BRANDON AND Nick Atkins, another Local 77 organizer, were hired, he said, by the union because they are professional people in the field of organizing and because they know more about the legal aspects of labor relations than do the non-academic employees.

He thanked the students for their support and said, "We appreciate what you have done very much, you have helped us live a decent life." After mentioning the University's aims of education and saying that he hoped that they can be applied to the non-academic employee, he concluded, "We're going to see to it that we go back, Sink or swim, live or die, we're going on."

Brandon's main role at the meeting was one of clarifying the two issues of the minimum wage and the concept of "majority status" so that a departmental collective bargaining process could begin. After his comment on these two major union goals, he

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